

2022 Dressage Niagara Virtual Show Series Prize List

Divisions Offered

Categories: Senior & Junior

Classes/Tests: All CADORA tests (excluding Prix Caprilli); all FEI tests (excluding FEI Young Horse Tests); Pas de Deux; Quadrille; and all Western-Style Dressage tests.

CADORA tests: <http://www.cadora.ca/dressage-tests/>

Western-Style Dressage tests: <http://www.westernstyledressage.ca/rules-tests-1.html>

FEI Level tests: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>

Pas de Deux/Quadrille Freestyle tests:

<https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

Competition Schedule:

<p><u>Competition #1: May</u> Opening Date: Monday, May 1st, 2022 Closing Date: Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 Judge: Rebecca Schoenhardt</p>
<p><u>Competition #2: June</u> Opening Date: Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 Closing Date: Thursday, June 30th, 2022 Judge: Jackie Bellamy</p>
<p><u>Competition #3: July</u> Opening Date: Friday, July 1st, 2022 Closing Date: Sunday, July 31st, 2022 Judge: Peta Christen</p>
<p><u>Competition #4: August</u> Opening Date: Monday, August 1st, 2022 Closing Date: Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 Judge: Kristy Barber</p>
<p><u>Competition #5: September</u> Opening Date: Thursday, September 1st, 2022 Closing Date: Friday, September 30th, 2022 Judge: Janet Henderson</p>

Entry Fees/Forms:

Please visit <https://www.competeeasy.com/> for online entries. Please ensure that all required information, especially the link to your video(s), are included in your submission.

Full payment must be included with entries. Compete Easy will accept credit cards and PayPal.

All entries must be received by the last day of each month (May 31st, June 30th, July 31st, August 31st, and September 30th, 2021) by 11:59 pm.

Cost: \$15 per test for members and \$25 per test for non-members

For Pas de Deux and Quadrille: \$7.50 per entry for members and \$12.50 per entry for non-members.

Administration fee: \$20 per entry

Late fee/change fee: entry may be subject to a \$10 per entry fee and added/updated with the approval of the judge/executive.

Riders can submit up to one video of each test of any **FEI, CADORA** or **WSDAC** level per horse per month, including Freestyles, to a maximum of 6 videos, but no more than 4 tests can be ridden per day.

Please be sure to include in your video:

- Your name
- Your horse's name
- Identify which test(s) you are riding
- Division (Junior or Senior)
- Date that the test was ridden.

How to Record Your Video: You do not need a special camera to record videos. A cell phone video will work!



Step 1. Using a phone (in landscape view) or video camera, have a helper video your ride from the letter C (outside of the ring), in an outdoor arena or a short grass field during the daytime (for best results, the camera should not be facing into the sun) OR, in an indoor or covered arena if the lighting is good (the better the lighting conditions, the easier for the judge to score/comment on your test). Make sure the sound is turned ON.



Step 2. Without stopping the video, speak into the camera stating your name and your horse's name, the division, level and test you are riding as well as the date, then continue without editing (no stopping and starting) into the riding arena. This may also be done by the videographer or the test reader. If riding in an indoor arena or a restricted space, you do not need to enter the arena at A; the entrance maybe done within the riding arena space with a simple turn at A.

Step 3. As soon as the test is finished, the allow the horse to exit the arena on a long rein, then end the video.

Step 4. Upload your video to YouTube and submit your email entry as outlined above.

Competition Ribbons & Standings

Virtual ribbons may be awarded to 4th place per class. Placings are decided by total marks and if marks are tied, the award will be given to the competitor with the higher Collective Marks. If the Collective Marks are tied, the competitors remain tied, and the next placing is omitted.

A minimum score of 50% is required for placings and any competitor receiving a score of less than 40% will be considered eliminated from the class and no score will be posted.

When there is only one horse in a class, ribbons and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the following chart of percentages:

1st 60% or higher

2nd 57% or higher

3rd 54% or higher

4th 51% or higher

HIGH POINT OF THE DAY AWARD

Virtual High Point Champion Certificates will be awarded to both a Junior and Senior rider of their respective Division. The High Point Champions of the day will be established by the average highest two test scores from the horse/rider combination, achieved in their designated classes. In the event of a tie, the athlete will the highest collective mark is declared the winner. Any entry receiving less than 50% on a technical test will not be eligible for any class awards.

Dressage Niagara Annual Awards

To qualify for Dressage Niagara Virtual Series year-end awards, you must be a member in good standing of Dressage Niagara by the first date of your first show, and either you or your designate have completed four hours of volunteer service with Dressage Niagara by the completion of the last scheduled show date. For those members outside of the Niagara region, we will consider membership referral as well as sponsorship referral as part of your volunteer time. For more information about how you can volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator.

Virtual Series Champions



Champion and Reserve Champion awards may be presented to the top Junior and Adult riders in each class level at Dressage Niagara virtual shows.

The winners will be decided by totalling the three highest scores - one must be from the highest test at the level - by the same horse-rider combinations from at least three Dressage Niagara virtual competitions ridden in the 2022 competition year. A minimum average of 50% is required for these awards. In the case of a tie for the Champion award, two members will receive the award and no Reserve Champion will be awarded. In the case of a tie for Reserve Champion, two awards will be given.

The Freestyle Video Challenge: a separate High Point Champion award will be given to the highest percentage test of an individual rider per division (Jr or Sr). Group entries for Pas de Deux and Quadrille will be awarded separately and may include both Junior and Senior riders. Freestyle music must be audible on video.

The TIP Ride-A-Test Challenge: separate High Point Champion awards will be given to Thoroughbred Incentive Program registered horses. Entries must include their TIP number with their challenge submission.

A minimum score of 50% per test is required.

Rules to Keep in Mind

1. Have fun. The virtual series is to help you gauge how your training is coming along and discover areas that require work.
2. All videos must be ridden in the month submitted. Example: June clinic entries must be ridden in June.
3. All tests do not require a standard 20- x 60-meter space; however, the riding area should be well marked with cones, poles, schooling fences or another type of marker, and letters should be visible on the video with respect to the movements that the horse is performing. Example: All Levels should have the letters A.K.E.H.C.M.B.F well marked; Third Level CADORA and higher tests as well as WSDAC Level 1 and higher, should also include the letters R.S.V.P. Corners should be visible; the arena or riding area does not have to be enclosed. If you are unsure if your riding space would be suitable, please contact us.
4. Videos of tests must be one continuous filming, unedited from start to finish. The camera can either follow the rider/horse or be stationary. Do not zoom in to the horse/rider since the arena markers need to be visible during the test.
5. If the judge determines that the horse appears lame, the judge has the right to excuse the ride and not continue scoring. Judge will make notes on the score sheet indicating their observations.
6. Horses and riders are required to abide by standard equipment rules for dressage as outlined their respective associations. You acknowledge that, by submitting your entry, you agree to abide by standard rules of fair play and for the welfare of the horse.
7. You must wear an ASTM/SEI-approved helmet.
8. Violation of any of these rules may result in the refusal to accept the entry or a non-refundable scratch.
9. We will make every effort to judge your test fairly with the knowledge that there are inherent challenges to judging performance on video that makes it different from the real-life experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I have a test reader? Yes, the test may be called.

Can my coach offer tips/advice while I am riding my test? No, coaching during the test is not allowed. Headsets are not permitted.

Can I record my test without any sound? No, the natural background noise for the test should be audible.

Do I have to wear show attire for my test? You can if you want to! Suitable schooling show or clinic attire for your discipline, weather appropriate, with a heeled boot is accepted. Half chaps may be worn. ASTM/SEI-approved helmets must be worn, no exceptions.

Can my horse wear polos? Yes. Horses can wear boots or polos.

Do I need to braid my horse? No, it is not necessary, but it is fun to practice!

Can I wear spurs or use a whip? You can use spurs and/or a whip if you abide by standard equipment rules for dressage as outlined by their respective associations.

Will I receive my test sheet after my ride? Riders will be able to access their test results and comments after the judge has submitted them via Compete Easy.

Can I enter if I am not a Dressage Niagara member? Yes, but we hope that you can join our membership and try out for the Year-End Awards!

Do I have to be a member of any organizations like Equestrian Canada, Ontario Equestrian, WSDAC or CADORA? No membership is required. Everyone can participate.

Do I need a special camera to film this? No, any camera or phone with video capability will work. The higher the quality, the better. Please remember to video in landscape format.

What if I want to ride an EC test? EC tests are not available for unsanctioned events including virtual shows. Those wanting feedback and scoring from an EC test please visit the EC website and check out the *Am I Ready Series* offered by EC <https://www.equestrian.ca/sport/dressage/programs> . Dressage Niagara will also be offering an EC sanctioned in-person series, please visit our website for more info.

Still have questions? Email Dressage Niagara at info@dressageniagara.com.